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# Readers Say—

## NAFWB Supports Graham

*To the Editor:*

The report which you carried in the August 15 issue of the annual convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists was correct as far as all the facts were concerned, but there was one misleading paragraph.

The action which was interpreted as denying support to Billy Graham came on a resolution of endorsement of the evangelist which was tabled. It came in the closing hours of a jammed business session and since the motion to table prevented any discussion no one was able to speak for the resolution.

Although it is true that some of our people do have serious questions about some of Mr. Graham's methods, I do not feel that the action as interpreted reflects the majority sentiment of our constituency. I do not know of a single Free Will Baptist church which has not cooperated in the campaigns in their areas conducted by Mr. Graham. A number of these pastors have served on the campaign committees.

Further evidence of our sympathetic interest may be found in a resolution which was passed *unanimously just one year ago* at our national convention which read:

"Because the Billy Graham evangelistic campaigns are doing so much for the spiritual life of America and of the world,

"Be it resolved that this convention instruct the executive secretary to send a telegram to Billy Graham in New York assuring him of our prayers in his evangelistic efforts."

W. S. MOONEYHAM
National Association of
Free Will Baptists

Nashville, Tenn.

## God and Segregation

*To the Editor:*

In all the discussion of Segregation one thing is missing—the attitude of God toward this burning moral issue. In leaving Him out, are we not ignoring the determining factor in this issue?

Segregation is related to human slavery. God was the determining factor when this nation faced the slavery issue a hundred years ago. So declared President Lincoln in his Second Inaugural address. Quoting the Scripture, "Woe to the world because of offenses, for it must needs be that offenses come, but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh," and applying this Scripture to American slavery, he declared it to be one of these offenses (sins). The thesis of his inaugural was that the civil war was the judgment of God on our Nation for this sin.

With reference to the war he said: "The Almighty has His own purposes." This purpose included bringing slavery to an end—"American slavery having continued through His appointed time He now wills to remove, and gives to both North and South this terrible war as the woe due to those by whom the offense came."

While he longed and prayed for the speedy end of the war, he realized that the justice of God for the presumptuous sins of slavery had to be satisfied, so he concluded the Inaugural with these words:

"Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondman's two hundred and fifty years of un-requited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn by the lash shall be paid by another drawn by the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said:

"The Judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

The war soon ended and the Emancipation Proclamation and the thirteenth and fifteenth Amendments brought an end to slavery—but not altogether. The purpose God had in mind in the Civil War was achieved but not wholly. Segregation is a hang-over of slavery, and it is a burning issue with us today.

And by Segregation we mean not only the segregation of colored youth in the schools of the South, but segregation in the economic, political, social, and religious life of the entire nation. In this matter, as with slavery, we are under the judgment of God. Has not God's appointed time for removing segregation arrived? Not that He expects it to be achieved over night, but gradually, though surely, and on the basis that integration not segregation is His will? And let us be on the way, for though God is patient, we may exhaust His patience.

R. H. MARTIN
National Reform Association

Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Likes Articles

*To the Editor:*

I have recently seen the September 1 issue of *United Evangelical Action*, and I wanted to congratulate you on an exceptionally fine issue. I was particularly pleased with the article entitled "The Bible in Our Public Schools" by Renwich Harper Martin, and I especially want to congratulate you on your editorial entitled "Let United States Keep the Faith!"

EUGENE R. BERTERMANN

St. Louis, Mo.

## Area Secretary

*To the Editor:*

I sent you an item recently about Dr. C. H. Zahnizer.

I should have called him a former *area* secretary for Africa rather than former *field* secretary.

Should you mention him and it is not too late, this should be changed.

JOHN SIGSWORTH

Oshawa, Ont.


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**2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.**

**4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.**

**5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.**

**6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.**

**7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.**


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# The Spiritual Children of Elihu

# DARE TO SPEAK FOR GOD

By ERIC EDWIN PAULSON

AFTER READING the findings of numerous modern pundits of various theological persuasions one feels the need for paging Mr. Elihu. You will recall that Elihu, after listening with patience to the prolonged and ponderous wranglings of Job and his three friends, felt constrained to speak for God.

The suggestion that there is a pressing need for present day Elihus to be heard occurred to this writer while trying to get sense out of a chapter on Apologetics in an otherwise excellent book written by some leading Evangelicals. In this chapter the author has gathered summations of the arguments of men allegedly worthy of places on an all-American team of defenders of Christianity with the apparent good intent that those in the bleachers would enjoy the privilege of viewing the stellar performance of the Titans of theological thought. However, the net result seems to have been that the spectators left the stands with the feeling of not having seen a first class athletic contest but that instead they had witnessed a brawl of bigwigs far more interested in winning an argument than in bearing testimony to eternal truth. The brilliant referee somehow seems to have saved the day with a half page summary after pointing out the errors of the athletes. Which observation may suggest that understanding of the deep things of the Kingdom of God would be greatly facilitated if a number of our learned luminaries could be prevailed upon to refrain from speaking or writing in unknown tongues without the aid of interpreters.

Some present day writers seem to revel in opportunities to indulge in verbal virtuosity. An example of such inexcusable verbosity is found in the following quotation from an editorial in one of our leading evangelical periodicals: "Christ as the end of history will impinge upon the present transcendentally, but that consummation also has immanent anticipations. Yet 'the last days' awaits their climax in the future. The outlines of the New Testament hope cannot be mythologized into mere picture presentations of the believer's confidence in the final triumph of faith. Nor can it be dismissed as mere dramatizations of the believer's 'new being' in Christ in contrast with the old life. The biblical teaching of 'the last days' requires a dramatic future course of events centered in the personal, visible return of Jesus Christ." Obviously few readers will have time and patience to decipher such gobbledegook.

## Peace on Earth

*Hark! the herald angels sing,*
*"Glory to the new-born King;*
*Peace on earth, and mercy mild.*
*God and sinners reconciled."*
*Joyful all ye nations, rise,*
*Join the triumph of the skies;*
*With th' angelic host proclaim,*
*"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*
*Hark! the herald angels sing,*
*Glory to the new-born King!"*

—CHARLES WESLEY.

Elihu dared to speak for he was convinced that "it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand." Since spiritual truths can only be spiritually discerned it follows that doctrinal and psychological as well as spiritual problems faced by Christian scholars must be solved by accepting the authority of the Scriptures and by gaining an understanding of the personality and functions of the Holy Spirit and by humbly submitting to His jurisdiction. The entire earthly ministry of Jesus Christ was carried on in complete dependence upon the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, the Lord also instructed His disciples not to begin their ministry until they had been fully endued with the personal presence and power of the Holy Spirit. How presumptuous then it is for men to seek for true knowledge of things spiritual apart from Him! Throughout the New Testament we find evidence of the Holy Spirit's being recognized as the Divine Executive of the church. As long as this truth prevailed and was carried out in the practices of the church not even the bloodiest persecutions could stop the onward progress of Christianity.

But movements soon rose within the body of the church to thwart the grand purposes of God by restricting the free operations of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the members of the Christian community. There were those who loved to have preeminence and to lord it over their brethren. As a result of such ambitious self-seeking came the development of clerical orders. Knowledge of the Word of God was gradually removed from the thought life of the individual Christian and was to become the sole responsibility of the clergy and scholastics who restricted knowledge to small minorities instead of consenting to the popular dissemination of Scripture truth. The Reformation sought to change this trend and place the Word of God in the hands of the laity. Nevertheless clericalism and scholasticism have been perpetuated, not only among Roman Catholics and Greek Orthodox, but in branches of Protestantism as well. To these two divergent movements within the church has been added a third which hardly gives evidence of being under the guidance and dominion of the Holy Spirit. It may be called a form of insurrection in the realm of religion when people take matters into their own hands with a nearly total disregard of the authority of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit and proceed to do that which is pleasing to their own fancies. It was doubtless about this movement that the Apostle Paul gave prophetic warnings when he wrote: "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate to themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and will wander into myths" (2 Tim. 4:3, 4).

For anyone familiar with Church history and contemporary ecclesiastical developments there can be little doubt that the vast majority of the problems confronting the church of Christ today stem from the failure to give proper recognition to the full authority of the Word of God and of the Holy Spirit over the life and activities of the Church. Persons cognizant of these conditions have sought to counteract them by starting such movements as "Back to God" and "Back to the Bible." We hardly stand in need of still more movements among Evangelicals. What we do need is a revitalized program of the study of the Scriptures with special emphasis upon the person of the Holy Spirit which will regain for him in the Church the authority and leadership which rightfully belongs only to Him. It is doubtful that of the millions of professing Christians who recite every Lord's day: "I believe in the Holy Ghost" as much as ten per cent have anything like an adequate understanding of the person and prerogatives of the Holy Spirit either as an experience or even as a doctrine.

How then are we to think of the Holy Spirit and His manner of working with the individual or within the Christian community? Since the Scriptures tell us that man was made in the image of God is it not reasonable to believe that the human family was patterned after the interrelationship of personalities which inhere within the being of God? In posing this question we must avoid the error of assuming a detailed and rigid similarity between God the Creator and man the creature. The similarities must be sought for within the sphere of personality. It is impossible for men to conceive of anything surpassing personality. Men are persons; therefore God is a Person, for if God is not a person He is something less than man. As Trinitarians we believe that there is a multiplicity of personalities within the being of God. This is a concept that has baffled the minds of men since the New Testament came into being. Most Christians accept the doctrine of the Trinity on the authority of the Scriptures and therefore as a part of the creed of historic Christianity and do not trouble themselves to establish the reasonableness of doctrine. However, by using the human family as an analogy we may be enabled more fully to grasp the relationships which are sustained one to the other within the Divine Trinity.

Let us assume the existence of a perfect family consisting of parents and one son. Within their unit there is perfect understanding, respect and appreciation on the part of one to the other members. All thought and acts are motivated and controlled by unalloyed love. The mother, a devout and wise woman, is completely dedicated to the task of furthering the honor and glory of her husband and son. But since the love that sustains this family is so profuse as not to be contained within the family circle it asserts itself in a desire to adopt other sons and daughters into the fellowship of their family. When this step is taken perfect love controls all actions and attitudes toward the new members of the family. The mother, although a strong personality in herself, has never sought to dominate her husband and son and she observes the same principles in dealing with her new children. She respects their individuality and her conduct and conversation is of such a nature as to bring out the best traits latent within them. Her one and all-absorbing passion is to reproduce within them the graces and virtues observed in her own son. Likewise there is not a semblance of coercion in the workings of the Holy Spirit, but He woos, pleads and guides the individual under His direction with the patient forbearance of a tender-hearted, loving, though firm, mother. The ultimate purpose in the mind of God both in creation and redemption

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# Reservoir of Spiritual Preparedness

By GEORGE L. FORD

IF THE cold war should suddenly become hot—if the tensions in the Far East or the Middle East should precipitate a full scale military struggle—literally thousands of chaplains would be in demand overnight. The need would greatly exceed the ability of the church to provide chaplains quickly. The present supply could care for only a fraction of the spiritual need of the men in uniform. The evangelical churches must match the efforts of the government in military preparedness with a program of spiritual preparedness against the day of total mobilization.

This requires, first of all, an awareness on the part of the church of the magnitude of the challenge and the scope of the opportunity for spiritual service which the possibility of mobilization raises. Our present military strength is approximately 3,000,000 in all branches of the service. Three thousand active chaplains are serving the spiritual needs of the armed forces personnel. Even this present ministry to the men in the military constitutes America's number one mission field.

But if mobilization comes the armed forces will probably be expanded up to fourfold creating a demand for as many as eight or nine thousand chaplains. The churches are not ready to supply the chaplains that will be needed. If there is to be a significant number of born again, Bible-preaching chaplains ministering to our young men in service, the evangelical churches must take immediate steps to establish a reservoir of well prepared and spiritually equipped men who could move immediately into active chaplaincy service.

Once the evangelical churches of America are aroused to the need, there are four avenues that could be followed to establish a reservoir of spiritual preparedness for mobilization:

1. *The Reserves*—entrance as chaplain is same as for chaplains for active duty.

2. *Seminarian Program*—for men in seminary.

3. *The National Guard*—the state military organizations. Same qualifications as other chaplains, but not under the quota.

4. *The Civil Air Patrol*—a special auxiliary working largely with young people—local pastors should investigate this opportunity.

There must also be an undergirding of all of this program with prayer and revival, and we must prepare not only for service to military personnel but for the probability of the ravages of war in America. This would be at one and the same time the greatest testing and the greatest opportunity for witnessing the church in America has ever known. Unless there is revival and undergirding in the church we shall fail. "Lord, make us strong."

(For further information write: Commission on Chaplains, National Association of Evangelicals, 1405 G Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C.)

# "BEST CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE"

## Is NSSA's History-breaking Record

By VERDA BLOOMHUFF

"BEST consistent attendance—with more people at every session than ever before in the history of the National Sunday School Conventions!" This is how Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary of the National Sunday School Association, summed up his opinion of the Thirteenth Annual Sunday School Convention held October 8, 9, and 10 in Des Moines, Iowa.

The convention opened Wednesday afternoon in the huge Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, where institutes, workshops and general sessions were held. Rev. Ralph Erickson, chairman of the Des Moines Convention Committee, presided. The audience arose as the colors were presented, gave salutes to the American and the Christian flag, and sang the national anthem. The Honorable Herschel Loveless, Governor of the State of Iowa, welcomed the delegates. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, NSSA secretary, led in prayer and Dr. Edward Simpson, president of the Association, gave the opening message, "Great Day for the Race." The Thirteenth Annual Sunday School Convention was in session!

### Convention Addresses

Addresses throughout the convention were outstanding. Dr. Simpson set a high standard with his keynote message. Dean of Buffalo Bible Institute and NSSA's president, the speaker told the approximately 3,000 delegates present for the opening session: "While making the race to stock-pile missiles and warheads, the world is missing the greatest race of all. There is one race I wish we would get more excited about—the race for souls. When American history is read in the light of eternity, this is the one race we will wish we had won more than all the others." Dr. Simpson admonished delegates to plan a goal in their Sunday School before beginning to run. "A runner must stay in his lane," he said "or he will be disqualified. Your lane may be a bit rougher than another's, but stay on course."

Featured speakers for the convention, in addition to President Simpson, included Dr. Risley; Dr. Bert Webb, NSSA's vice-president; Rev. Howard G. Hendricks, professror of Christian Education at Dallas (Tex.) Theological Seminary; Dr. Stewart Boehmer, Calvary Church, Toronto, Canada, and The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield, Secretary of the State of Oregon. Using as his topic, "It's Time to Start Moving," Dr. Webb said, "It's time to start moving if the potential in Sunday School is to be reached. Conditions around us are conducive to discouragement, but the job can be done if we move. We stand on the brink of necessity to move in God's time."

Dr. Risley challenged the audience of Sunday School superintendents, pastors and other church leaders to "a personal loyalty to Christ exceeding loyalty to church, denomination, and publishing house." "Every person in our nation could be contacted within one year if each Sunday School worker would call on one prospect a week," he told the delegates, and then added, "Currently ninety per cent of the church work is being done by ten per cent of the membership. To reach the population of the United States, every worker must be mobilized. The three million Sunday School teachers are the real home missionaries and every church a mission compound." Mr. Hendricks, dynamic leader of the institutes for Sunday School Superintendents, told the convention it is time for Christians to become aggressive about their jobs. Using the topic "Christian, Come Out of Your Hole," he challenged: "Bible Classes of our churches should reach the unchurched, not necessarily the churched." Dr. Boehmer, in detailing "The More Excellent Way of Sunday School Teaching," cited three important factors in the work of a Christian: "Consecration, Separation, and Preparation." He said, "Remember, you are not teaching a *lesson;* you are teaching a *man* (or woman or boy or girl)." Closing the convention was the address by Oregon's Secretary of State, emphasizing the necessity of a close relationship between Christian living and the problems of the outer space age.

### Music Exceptional

Music of unusual quality set the mood for the evening sessions. Rev. Donald Brandt, Grand Rapids, Michigan, not only conducted the institute on "Song Leading," but inspired the great audiences to sing joyfully the old songs of the faith. The Open Bible College Choir, under direction of Mrs. C. R. Archer, thrilled the delegates with their presentations on the first evening of the convention. The next night Mr. George Snyder led a One Hundred Voice Male

**COMMISSION ON CAMPING**

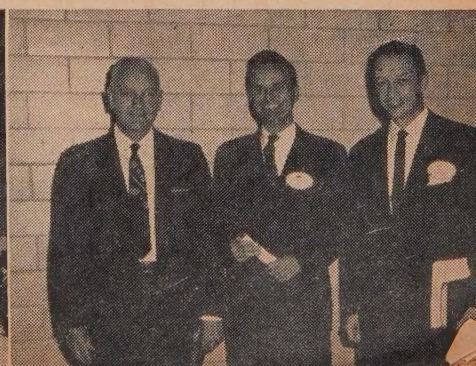
***Left to right:*** **Vice-pres., Robert E. Norstrom; Board member, Rev. Lee Kingsley, and President Rev. Carl Gunn. Two all-day sessions preceded opening of convention. Camping institutes were held.**

**NSSA CONVENTION SESSION**

**Small section of the huge Veterans Auditorium nearly filled on opening night. An estimated 4,500 attended the Convention, including some first-timers.**

**NSSA LEADERS**

***Left to right:*** **Rev. Bert Webb, newly elected president; Dr. Edward Simpson, retiring president, and Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary.**



Chorus, and at the closing session a Children's Choir, directed by Mr. James W. Brewer, stirred the hearts of listeners.

## New Features

"Millions for Christ—Now!" was the theme of the entire convention. It was emphasized by most of the speakers and in sundry ways, but in none more effectively than through chalk-talk artistry. Rev. Ding Teuling, chalk-talk artist and evangelist of Muskegon, Michigan, held his audience spell-bound as he "brought to life" with his chalk momentous scenes from the Bible and inspiring concepts of how to reach "Millions for Christ—Now." In one of his drawings, Mr. Teuling took as his text: "For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world; looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:11-14). With lights turned low (except on the drawing board) and the organ playing familiar hymns, the artist used vari-colored chalk to portray a city scene—houses, stores, street lamps—where the unreached "millions" might be found. He cited appalling statistics such as: "Of the 110,000 people who die every day, *more than* 100,000 have never heard the Gospel story." Then, through the magic of black light, the city scene grew dim and hovering over it could be seen the figure of the Christ with outstretched arms. Thus, the chalk-artist demonstrated his point: Through Christ the "millions" may be won *now*. Mr. Teuling's inspiring devotional chalk talks opened each morning session. One particularly impressive theme (in addition to the "Millions for Christ — Now!" described above) was that of Abraham's willingness to obey his Lord even to the sacrifice of his only son. With swift, masterful strokes the artist drew the picture of Isaac lying on the altar and his father, knife in upraised hand, standing over him, and then the lamb in the bushes nearby. Through the magic of black light there appeared in the clouds overhead the figure of God's Son on the Cross. "More than two thousand years elapsed between these two scenes," Mr. Teuling told his audience, "and now, two thousand years later, God wants *us* to give our best—our time, our talents, our minds—to accomplishment of His purposes. Compared with His sacrifice, what we do is all too little."

Perhaps equally impressive, but in a different vein, was a *massive* dramatic visual demonstration produced by the Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God, entitled "Train Up a Child." The story (briefly) centered around two babies born next door to one another. The parents of Allen received the Cradle Roll visitor, permitted the child's name to be entered on the Cradle Roll, later enrolled him in Sunday School and brought him up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Bob's parents, on the other hand, scorned all overtures to interest them in the church. As they grew up together, went to the same school and entered college, Allen and Bob found that their interests and ideals were becoming more and more widely separated. Climax came when Allen, fortified by Christian training both at home and in the Sunday School, refused to join with a "gang" which became involved in a robbery. Bob, with no such inhibitions, found himself in jail. Allen, who had made numerous efforts to influence Bob toward a better life, visited him in jail but his words fell on deaf ears. Neither Bob nor his parents were prepared for this contingency in their lives. The drama closed with Allen's singing "I'd Rather Have Jesus." Another unusual feature of the convention was the Question-and-Answer session when reporters roved through the audience with portable microphones. Delegates were encouraged to ask questions related to their Sunday School problems, the questions to be answered extemporaneously by a panel of experts on the platform. Related feature was a booth in the exhibit area where Sunday School experts were on duty at stated times to answer questions of delegates.

## Forty States Represented

Registered for institute and workshop sessions were delegates from eighty-four denominations and forty states. President Simpson carefully defined the difference between the two types of sessions: Institutes were three-session conferences on one topic with the same leader; workshops were single-session conferences on various-and-sundry topics—all directed toward the training of Sunday School workers for more effective leadership in their respective fields. There were institutes, led by experts, on the numerous facets of Sunday School work, all geared to the needs of various departments and activities.

Some ninety exhibitors took advantage of the opportunity to spread their wares before the eyes of Sunday School and church leaders who would be in need of their products. Likewise, thousands of potential purchasers saw in the exhibits a favorable chance to acquaint themselves with hundreds of new and up-to-date aids toward achieving their goals of building bigger and better Sunday Schools.

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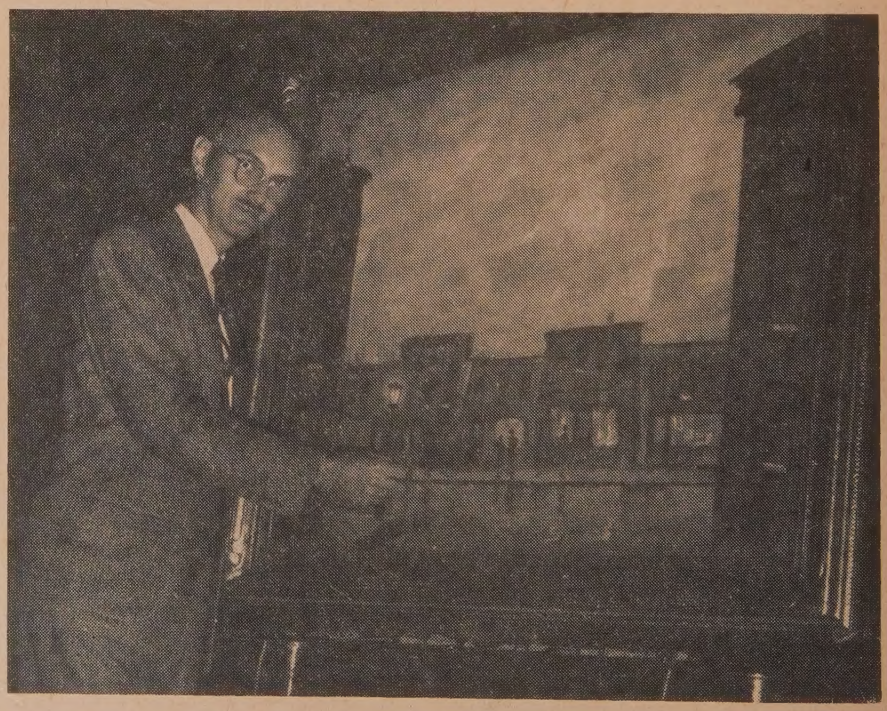
**"MILLIONS FOR CHRIST — NOW!"**

**Chalk-talk Artist—Evangelist Ding Teuling thrilled the convention audiences with his portrayal of the convention theme and inspiring incidents from the Holy Scriptures. Black light added its magic to the scene.**



# Action Editorial

## Ecumenical World Mission

▪ ECUMENISM, as interpreted by the World Council of Churches, has sounded the death knell of Christian missions.

The recent actions of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States and of the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) which will integrate their missionary programs with that of the Council have the utmost significance for all its constituent communions. Sooner or later all these churches will abandon what may still remain of their distinctly evangelical missionary effort.

As evangelicals conceive it and as the New Testament types it, Christian missions is the Christian conquest of the world based on the Great Commission of our Lord. Evangelical missionaries are motivated by the love of Christ and love of souls to carry the saving Gospel to the last and least of the peoples of the earth. They believe that unless they obey our Lord's command the heathen will be lost, since there is only one way of salvation, one Saviour and one atonement for sin. Evangelical missionaries have a Bible-based, dogmatic yet yearningly lovely message which presents Christ as the only hope of the world. They proclaim universal truth as embodied in the person and work of Christ. They encourage social action and the betterment of the social order through the lives of individual Christians.

This is all *passe* according to the modern ecumenical pattern. "Christian missions" has been replaced by the "world mission of the church," which is something entirely different. Evangelicals need to be constantly alert to identify this heresy by the new vocabulary.

The "world mission of the church" is not to convert sinners to Christ and bring individuals into a saving relationship to God. It is rather to build "the kingdom of God on earth"—a new social order embodying the moral and spiritual principles of the Master Teacher. This is to be done through education and ecclesiastical diplomacy. The strategy involves merging all the missionary work of "foreign" churches into so-called "younger churches" which are being built on national and cultural levels. These national churches in turn will become member bodies of the World Council of Churches. Each of them is to become an "indigenous expression of the Christian influence on the culture of its land. This involves the production of a Christian literature, Christian art, Christian music, Christian philosophy and Christian social order developed with a sensitiveness to the theology they want to share and to set within the culture of which they are a part."

It will not be far from this to eventual compromise of the Christian religion with the other world religions. Already the ecumenicists consider non-Christians as brothers in a common quest for ultimate truth. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches, speaking before the Disciples at St. Louis, said the ecumenical movement should go "even beyond the boundaries of the Christian religion." It is a bit too early to disclose all that is being planned in this area of ecumenical development, but already the name of Christ is being linked with Buddha and Mohammed as one of the great founders and teachers of religion. When inter-religion conferences begin to be held World Council leaders will propose the discussion of some harmless theme like "world peace and understanding among men," but on down the road will appear parliaments of world religion for the discovery of one synchretistic faith or some vaguely diluted philosophy of life suited to the culture of the times.

The time to stop this ecumenical trend is now. To palliate the present ecumenical proposals can only lead to the utter destruction of distinctly Christian missions within the Council's orbit.

Evangelicals in America saw this development coming years ago. They set up their own EFMA and IFMA outside the ecumenical machine. Today they have more missionaries and more native workers on the foreign field than all the Council-affiliated churches combined. Evangelicals are witnessing unprecedented numbers of young people choosing Christian missions as their life work. New churches, new schools, new mission stations and new converts by the hundreds of thousands are being reported annually. The Lord is leading and blessing in a wonderful way.

The only thing that can stop this amazing evangelical advance in Christian missions is the combination of the ecclesiastical and political powers of the "Coming Great Church" in a united ecumenical effort to prevent American missionaries from carrying on their work in foreign lands. This is already developing in some areas and we may expect it to become general practice.

Our ultimate hope is, of course, in Christ. He will not suffer His work to die. Every barrier that the enemies of the Cross have set up in the last two thousand years has eventually been broken down. History will repeat itself and the glorious Gospel will go on to greater victories in the future than it has known in the past. For did not the Great Commissioner say, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world"?

## Our Christmas Duty

▪ AGAIN the non-biblical and non-apostolic observance of Christmas is upon us. Each year it seems that the Church is less able to make its Christian testimony concerning the birth of Christ felt by those who celebrate the holiday.

Pagan commercialism is rampant. Drunken orgies abound. Santa Claus takes preference over Christ in the minds of the "small fry." Selfish exchanges of "gifts" eclipse the Great Gift.

Yet since Christmas is with us and probably will be for years to come Christians need at this season to recognize and proclaim with redoubled zeal that Jesus Christ is the only hope of the world. Only as men are awed by the majesty and the glory of Christ will they bow down in adoration and reverence. Only as they come to know Him as Saviour will they value Him above the baubles and the tinsel of our modern Christmas.

Peter Marshall once said, "The world has always missed Christ because it seeks Him in the wrong places." How painfully true that is of the joy men seek at Christmastime. Men seek it in the things that are artificial and superficial, when it can only be found in Christ. If we could lead them to find Him they would naturally gravitate to the things which are central and eternal and experience the true joy which Christ came to give mankind.

# 80 DAYS AROUND THE WORLD— FOR EVANGELICAL MISSIONS

Clyde W. Taylor

DR. CLYDE W. TAYLOR, Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, leaves early in January on a globe-circling tour to achieve closer relations between evangelical missions and national evangelical churches overseas. His contacts will involve at least thirty-five mission agencies and scores of evangelical leaders throughout Europe, South Asia and the Far East. Plans are being made for Rev. Fred Ferris of the World Evangelical Fellowship to make the trip at the same time.

Dr. Taylor's conferences with evangelicals in England will focus on the increasing activities of the World Evangelical Fellowship as a means of cooperative Christian effort and wider evangelical testimony. In France discussions will seek to pinpoint effective means of dealing with cultural frictions which inevitably confront U. S. and British mission agencies having work in that country. In Barcelona and Rome attention will be given to current sources of opposition to the evangelical Christian message.

Then come similar conferences in Beirut, Lebanon and Karachi, Pakistan. After that Dr. Taylor moves on to the annual meeting of the Evangelical Fellowship of India at New Delhi where he will be guest speaker.

Subsequent conferences with evangelical church and mission leaders will be held in Ceylon, Thailand, Indonesia, Viet Nam, the Philippines, Formosa, Korea and Japan and other intermediate points. In addition to stimulating cooperation in the work of evangelical missions, Dr. Taylor will be gathering material for a report on the general progress of evangelical missions around the world. He returns to the United States late in March. *Action* magazine will carry first-hand reports of Dr. Taylor's mission as they are received direct from the field.

## Dare to Speak

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was the bringing into being of personalities like Christ. This is being accomplished by the relationship which the Holy Spirit sustains to individuals and to the Church of Christ as well as through the interplay of human personalities.

With such an understanding of the person and work of the Holy Spirit no one should find it difficult to believe that God was both able and willing to make His truth known to men of His own choosing and to inspire writers especially endowed and called to record, preserve and interpret truth without error as well as to illuminate the minds of those reverently reading those Scriptures so as to enable them to understand their meaning and moral demands. Why should it be thought more credible to believe that God was forced to make Himself known through the muddled myths of men rather than to believe "that he made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel"? Surely the mighty God who by His creative fiat brought light out of stygian darkness can make known to men all truth needed to sustain a right relation to their Maker. Historic Christianity has ever believed that it has possessed an authoritative revealed Word. However, nearly every generation seems to have been disturbed by a Wellhausen, Schleiermacher, a Fosdick or a Bultmann, but time always seems to bring their ingenious theories to nought and ultimately consign to oblivion the findings of men seeking to nullify the Word of God with worldly wisdom.

This in principle was the burden of the argument advanced by Elihu who never allowed himself to be dazzled by human sagacity but humbly sought the mind of God and submitting to the divine Mind dared to speak for God. Likewise, today there are humble men and women, the spiritual children of Elihu, who refuse to be overwhelmed with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power dare to speak for God. Let us cease from man whose breath is in his nostrils and accept the wisdom of God found in His word and made powerful and living through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

## Consistent Attendance

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Important NSSA business of course was election of new officers for the coming year. Rev. Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, with headquarters in Springfield, Mo., was named president of the National Sunday School Association, succeeding Dr. Edward Simpson. The new president, vice president of the Association during the past year, was ordained to the ministry in 1926. Active in the Assemblies of God since entering the ministry, Dr. Webb currently serves as executive director of the denomination's Sunday School Department. He is also on the executive presbytery of the Assemblies of God and is a member of the board of directors of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., theological seminary of the church.

Other officers elected during the thirteenth Annual National Sunday School Convention in Des Moines include Rev. W. S. Mooneyham of the Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., vice president; Rev. Paul W. McBeth, Brethren in Christ, Elizabethtown, Pa., secretary; and Rev. J. Clair Peters, executive of the Greater Sunday School Association of Butler, Ind., treasurer.

Re-elected to the NSSA board of directors were Dr. Simpson, retiring president; and Rev. Charles W. Conn of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn.

Named to first-time positions on the Association's board of directors were Dr. Lloyd H. Knox, general manager of the Free Methodist Publishing House, Winona Lake, Ind.; Rev. C. Leslie Miller, general superintendent and editor of the Union Gospel Press,

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## "Keep Christ in Christmas"

Tremendous support and interest for its 1958 public relations and publicity program has been reported by the "Keep Christ in Christmas Committee." The committee, composed of a group of leading laymen, is crusading to bring about a more fitting and reverential observance of the Birth of the Christ Child. Letters of commendation concerning this project have been received from such national figures as President Dwight D. Eisenhower; Mr. Frederick Fox, special assistant to the President; Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, of the Department of Justice, and Mr. S. O. Shannon, executive director of the Greeting Card Association of America.

The "Keep Christ in Christmas Committee," with full support from churches and religious bodies, is urging that every man, woman and child do something along these lines: (1) Attend Church services and bring others. (2) Join the crusade to give early emphasis to the true meaning and message of Christmas by urging the use of Nativity Bill Boards and window displays and by articles in the press, both religious and secular. (3) Encourage and join outdoor singing of Christmas Carols. (4) Arrange special Nativity Tableaux in churches and schools. (5) Place a Nativity Creche at the base of your Christmas tree for your children, friends, and relatives to see and admire. (6) Buy or use "Keep Christ in Christmas" seals. (7) Buy and send only religious Christmas Cards and urge your friends and business associates to do likewise. (8) Make the beautiful Nativity Story of St. Luke, Chapter two, the central theme of your families' observance of Christmas.

In keeping with this same purpose, the National Safety Council is enlisting the support of churches of every faith and creed in a united crusade to keep the threat of drinking drivers to a minimum over the Christmas holiday season. Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, has sent a letter of commendation to the Council for this effort.

## The Lost Commandment

The National Association of Evangelicals has asked the Navy to revise its version of the Ten Commandments to conform to good reason and Protestant tradition. The Navy is highlighting the commandments in a colorful series of posters which will be distributed both through military and civilian channels.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, NAE Secretary of Public Affairs, noted that the poster series omits what most Protestants have traditionally considered to be the second commandment—the commandment prohibiting graven images as a means of worship. It divides the tenth commandment, prohibiting covetousness of a neighbor's wife and of a neighbor's goods respectively. This is the listing used traditionally by the Roman Catholic Church.

In a letter to the Secretary of the Navy, the NAE pointed out that the Protestant listing of the commandments contains all of the commandments recognized by Roman Catholics whereas the listing adopted by the Navy (the Roman Catholic listing) omits a commandment of major importance. It also pointed out that Protestants and Jews (with the possible exception of Lutherans) generally agree on the listing of the commandments, with Protestants recognizing the listing used by Jewish scholars for many centuries.

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Dr. Taylor said that many Protestants have unknowingly circulated the Catholic version of the commandments. "The Catholic version has turned up in some very embarrassing places, such as evangelical bookstores, in pastors' homes and even in Protestant churches," he said. "Nobody, Protestant or Catholic, could deny that the inspired Scriptures make the specific prohibition of images as a means of devotion to God, and it is quite unreasonable that we should dodge the issue in publicizing the commandments for wider understanding of God's standards of righteousness."

The NAE also objected to the fact that the poster series quoted the Apochrypha on a par with Scripture. "To the majority of Protestants this is tantamount to quoting Socrates or Plato on a par with Scriptures inspired of God."

The controversy over the second commandment is centuries old, dating back to the time when Eastern Orthodoxy made its split from Rome. It is a question which can most easily be answered by going back to the Scriptures and considering the major thoughts contained in the portion in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5.

## Hard Liquor Radio, TV Ads

The Federal Communications Commission has been asked by the NAE to subject to special scrutiny all applications of radio and television stations which adopt the policy of accepting advertisements of hard liquor. Up to now it has been an "unwritten law" that hard liquor would not be advertised on radio and TV.

The request filed by Dr. Clyde W. Taylor followed the announcement that radio station WOMT of Manitowoc, Wisconsin would accept advertising of distilled spirits beginning November 1, 1958. Another station in Waltham, Massachusetts has adopted a similar policy.

Dr. Taylor asked the FCC to hold hearings on any permit renewal application of a radio or television station which carries hard liquor ads, with a view to determining whether continued operation would be "in the public interest, convenience and necessity."

Dr. Taylor's letter to the Commission called the action of WOMT "a conspiracy to open the radio and television industry to a general practice of advertising hard liquor." He said that "to allow this practice to develop would be to invite great damage to public health, morals and safety."

The letter quoted a policy statement which was issued by the Federal Radio Commission back in 1933, when the repeal amendment was being adopted. At that time the Commission said that it would "designate for hearing the renewal applications of all stations" which would carry liquor advertising. Taylor said that, as far as he knew, the policy still applies to stations which advertise distilled spirits. He asked the Commission to "renew and reiterate" the policy.

"In light of these circumstances," he said, "it is the duty of the Commission to renew and reiterate its policy as in the statement of the Federal Radio Commission quoted above. Specifically, we ask that you take immediate steps to put the radio and television industry on notice that applications for permits and for renewal of permits of radio and television stations will be subjected to special scrutiny in any case where the operators make it a policy to accept hard liquor advertising, with a view to determining whether operation will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity. We also trust that you will provide for public hearings in the case of any such applications."

## Vatican Voting

The State Department has replied to a communication from Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, in which he had charged that American cardinals voting in the forthcoming papal election would violate American law. The letter signed by Loftus Becker, Legal Adviser to the Secretary of State, contended that there would not be such a violation.

Archer called the State Department's reply "a noble effort to resolve an impossible dilemma."

"The Department admits our contention that this election is for the purpose of choosing the head of a sovereign state known as the State of Vatican City. It argues that the law is not applicable because the political election is 'incidental.' It would appear that the State Department is nullifying the law by an irrelevant interpretation. The law plainly covers all political elections, whether their political character is 'incidental' or not. It makes no provision for splitting an election in two and calling one part ecclesiastical and the other part political. The split is impossible in this case, also, because the religious and political sovereign is the same person.

"The ambivalent reply of the State Department is in itself evidence that this split personality of a church which alternately poses as a church and a sovereign state ought to be promptly resolved," Archer said.

Local citizens may challenge the right of the two important dual voters to vote at some future election. POAU indicated that it would assist in any such action.

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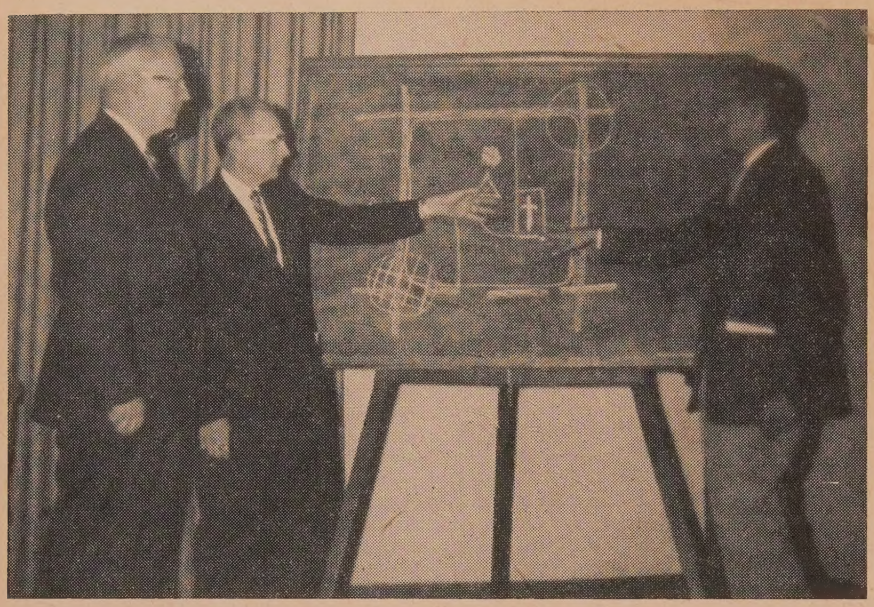

SEMINAR LEADERS SHOW BLUEPRINT ON CHURCH PLANNING

Mr. Donald Edmonson, Portland church architect, points out strategic location of church as related to other churches and the rest of the community. Interested observers are (*left*) Dr. Jared F. Gerig, chairman of NAE Commission on Church Extension, and Mr. John Amundson, a church planner for Eugene, Oregon.

## United Action

### Pioneer Seminar Held On Church Extension

PORTLAND, Ore. — The first in what is hoped will be a series of Seminars on Church Planning was held here recently at Western Evangelical Seminary with 114 registered from the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana and the province of British Columbia. Objectives of the seminar are (1) to enlarge the vision of evangelicals for starting new churches, (2) to promote understanding among the various planning agencies involved in church and city development, and (3) to face up to the many practical problems related to church extension.

Under sponsorship of the Evangelism and Church Extension Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals, the seminar covered sundry problems connected with church planning and extension. Speakers included representatives of the American Institute of Planners and the National Association of Evangelicals, local church pastors, a community planner and a well-known church architect.

Keynote address for the seminar was brought by Dr. Jared F. Gerig, chairman of the NAE Church Extension Commission, on the subject, "America, Our Judea." Including in his text the words of Jesus, ". . . ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea . . . ," Dr. Gerig voiced the belief that Americans "show concern for the perishing of India, Africa, and South America, while churchless towns and unreached subdivisions in America are overlooked and forgotten." While stressing his belief in world missions, the speaker gave three reasons for advocating first emphasis upon establishment of new churches at home: (1) *America's Centrality* — politically, materially and evangelically; (2) *America's Crisis*—spiritually, educationally and morally, and (3) *America's Cure*—going into unchurched areas, sharing missionary-minded Christians with new communities, and financing the new baby churches. He closed his address with these words: "If we do not evangelize America, we will soon cease to evangelize Asia. . . We must save America to save the world."

Mr. Lloyd Keef, Director of Portland Planning Commission and President of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the American Institute of Planners, spoke on the "Problems of a Growing America, from the Planner's Viewpoint." Some of the problems which he cited were growth of urban communities (involving changes in local government and transportation needs), scarcity of land as population becomes more dense, integrating the church as a part of the neighborhood unit and zoning laws. He emphasized the importance of urging the churches to call on the Planning Commission for help before (not after) they were ready to start construction.

Speaking on the "Problems Faced by Evangelicals in Locating Churches," NAE's executive director, Dr. George L. Ford, suggested that they lie in three areas: (1) Ignorance on the part of churchmen concerning the problems of planning, (2) indifference, and (3) interference by other church groups.

At the luncheon meeting Rev. Wilmer Brown, regional director for the NAE Northwest Region, introduced two pastors who related their specific problems: Rev. Gerald Dillon, pastor of First Friends Church of Portland and Rev. J. S. Manchester, pastor of the Assemblies of God Church, Vancouver, Wash. One was having difficulty with a new zoning code and the other with the local Council of Churches.

Mr. Donald Edmonson, Portland church architect, suggested that the architect should be consulted (if possible) in making a choice of sites and that he should be thoroughly informed concerning the program of the church and any special features or problems peculiar to its situation. "In any case, he said, "a church should build to meet the particular need of its own work."

A planner from Eugene, Ore., Mr. John Amundson, told how the problems of church extension affect the total community and suggested that much of the problem is "cooperation with the inevitable." "The objective of planning," he said, "is to create a well-planned community that is going to be more efficient, more beautiful and more desirable to live in."

The day's discussion (agreed by all concerned to be a most profitable one) was summarized briefly by Dr. Ford: "(1) We need to plan ahead. Undeveloped property is cheaper and since Mr. Keef, in answer to a question, suggested that planners are working twenty years in advance, the church should take advantage of some of this advance information and secure sites well before the need arises. (2) We

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should plan well. We should not operate as hams when we can get professional advice . . . We should plan cooperatively . . . so that rather than a duplication of effort we will be extending ourselves in the very best way to the glory of God."

### Evangelicals Prepare For World Day of Prayer

WHEATON, Ill.—For the thirteenth consecutive year the National Association of Evangelicals is providing worship material for the World Day of Prayer for churches desiring a service with a Bible-centered emphasis. The World Day of Prayer is scheduled for February 13, 1959.

"Let Your Light So Shine . . ." is the title of the booklet being offered. The theme emphasizes Christian witnessing. The title is taken from the words of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 5, verse 16. The material has been prepared by Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, Dean of the Graduate School of Wheaton College, with an introduction by Dr. Armin Gesswein, chairman of the Spiritual Life Commission of the NAE and well-known for his revival-prayer conferences. The booklet is divided into five following parts: I. The Source of Light; II. The Light Kindled; III. The Light Placed; IV. The Light Shining, and V. The Light Effective. The program is arranged to include responsive Bible reading, hymns and time for prayer.

Worship booklets and advertising posters can be obtained by writing the National Association of Evangelicals, 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Ill. No charge is made for the materials, but it is requested that a free will offering be received at the service to defray expenses and aid in the ministry of the Association.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### Civil Defense Day Designated by OCDM

WASHINGTON, D. C.—To symbolize the need for nation-wide preparedness, the Office of Civil Defense Mobilization has set Sunday, December 7, as National Civil Defense Day. Emphasis is placed on the slogan, "Peace Through Preparedness." Civil Defense leaders point out that "one of the greatest deterrents to a nuclear attack is the enemy's knowledge that each American is well educated and trained in the means of survival."

The Civil Defense Administration has set up a religious advisory board to make sure that the church interests of America are adequately represented. It hopes that through this agency the churches may be encouraged to take a vital interest in the civil defense of our nation.

Pledging cooperation of the National Association of Evangelicals in this effort, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the NAE Office of Public Affairs here, said, "Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941, is remembered as a day of almost fatal surprise to our nation. In many ways it highlighted us as a nation unprepared. Therefore, it seems most appropriate that this same day, December 7, be called "National Civil Defense Day" wherein we highlight preparedness."

"We of the National Association of Evangelicals," Dr. Taylor continued, "are keenly interested, first of all, in seeing to it that our nation is spiritually strong. Of course, this is directly the work of the churches, their pastors, and the millions of church members. In the second place, we are interested in seeing our pastors across America taking an interest as clergy in the Civil Defense program by participating at the local level. Finally, we hope that our churches will do all they can to interest their members in strengthening the hands of the Civil Defense program so that as a nation we may be prepared at every level for every eventuality, from the finest spiritual preparation possible to the fullest cooperation by church and clergy in state and local units. Such preparedness alone may safeguard our faith, our families and our national freedom."

### Mobile Chapels Provide Released-Time Instruction

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — (RNS) — With five mobile chapels being put into operation, Protestant children in thirty-four Indianapolis and Marion County schools will no longer have to be transported on hired buses to released-time religious education classes. The thirty foot trailer units, each seating forty children and providing adequate desk and instructional facilities, will operate from school to school.

They are expected to save $15,000 in transportation costs. Also have to use part of their released-time to get to religious training classes and back.

The Board of Weekday Religious Education, a Marion County Protestant organization, provides training for more than 20,000 fourth and fifth graders in city and county schools. The program is financed through private and church contributions.

### Eisenhower Maps Plans Fight Church Bombings

NEW YORK — (RNS) — President Eisenhower said he will give "careful consideration" to convening two national White House conferences to discuss the recent "wanton bombings and destruction of houses of worship." One of the meetings would be a special governors' conference and the other would be a session between leaders of religion, social welfare, education and business.

These plans were made public in a letter to Rabbi Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress who earlier had requested a private citizens' meeting to discuss the bombings.

In his letter, Mr. Eisenhower said that "the full facilities of the Federal government are being used to bring about the arrest of those people who are responsible for such regrettable incidents."

"My associates and I will give your suggestion for the convening of a White House conference to consider this problem, as well as a special governors' conference, careful consideration," he added.

### Citizenship Contest Sponsored by ISCE

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The Albert H. Diebold Awards, totaling $1,000.00 in cash and two trips to Philadelphia,

## LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● AT THE RECENT All-American Conference to Combat Communism held in the Claypoole Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., the National Association of Evangelicals was represented by Dr. George L. Ford, executive director; Rev. Wilmer N. Brown, director of the NAE Northwest Region, and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, member of the Board of Administration. Banquet speaker was Madame Chiang Kai-shek who used as her topic, "Soviet Strategy for World Supremacy."

● THE WASHINGTON SEMINAR on Federal Service, annual student seminar under auspices of the NAE Public Affairs Office, will be held this year on February 17-19, 1959.

● NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS, INC., will hold its annual convention in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., January 21, 22, using the theme "Freedom of Faith for the Future." Among nationally-known speakers will be Mr. Harold Fellows, president of the National Association of Broadcasters; Mr. John Charles Doerfer, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and Dr. William J. Millard, of Millard Research Associates, New York City.

● EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION meets this year in Chicago at the Hamilton Hotel, January 27-28. All evangelical editors and publishers are urged to save the dates.

● INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP Conference will convene in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., February 4-7.

● MISSIONARY BANDS of the World, Marion, Ind., recently merged with the Wesleyan Methodist Church which has its headquarters in Syracuse, N. Y.

● NAE PRESIDENT Herbert S. Mekeel and Executive Director George L. Ford met recently in Los Angeles with convention committee chairmen to further plans for the 1959 NAE Convention scheduled for April 6-10 at LA's Hotel Statler. Dr. Walter L. Penner NAE's Southwest Regional Director, and Dr. Robert N. Schaper, chairman for the same area, are cooperating in plans for the annual gathering.

● IN PREPARATION FOR the first Graham Crusade in Australia in February, counsellor training classes have been set up under leadership of Mr. Charles Riggs. For the first week of classes more than 4,300 trainees were enrolled.

will be given in Christian Endeavor's eighth Citizenship Contest sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor, according to announcement made by Robert C. Ross, citizenship director.

Young people living in the United States or Canada may participate in the contest which is to promote Christian principles among men; to interest youth in combating the evils of communism, liquor, narcotics, gambling and prejudice; and to encourage youth and editors to speak for Christian citizenship.

Winners will be determined by the merits of "A Letter to My Editor" on the subject "Speak for Christian Citizenship!" along with a Christian Citizenship Service Record of the individual.

Youth desiring to enter the contest may be nominated by an adult, by another young person, or by themselves. The official nomination form must be sent to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, by February 2, 1959. The "Letter" and Service Record must be received at Christian Endeavor headquarters no later than February 27, 1959. This is also the last date to send "Letters" to local newspaper editors. Announcement of the top winners will be made by April 27, 1959.

### "Spiritual Rebirth" To End Segregation

DETROIT, Mich.—(RNS)—Spiritual rebirth of individual Americans is the solution to the country's racial segregation problems, a Southern Baptist leader told the annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan here.

Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said this rebirth of the spirit "must come from the inner man." He added that "we find nothing in the actions of Christ which makes any distinction between the races of man."

The segregation issue is but one phase of man's dilemma requiring a spiritual rejuvenation, he declared. The present trend shows modern civilization is in a period of decay, but it is not the will of God that it be totally destroyed, he said.

### Taxing Private Schools Defeated in California

LOS ANGELES—(EP)—Heavy voting by Californians last Nov. 4, defeated Proposition 16, an attempt to tax private schools in the Golden State.

If the legislation would have passed, California would have become the first state of the union to impose a tax on non-public schools. The defeat of the bill has been heralded as a successful block to irreligious groups who seek to destroy America's dual system of education.

### NAE Commends Committee On Un-American Activities

WHEATON, Ill. — (RNS) — The Evangelical Action Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals has commended the House Committee on Un-American Activities for its work in "countering the subversive activities of international communism."

A resolution adopted by the commission praised the House committee for finding that "diplomatic visas are frequently used by Communist functionaries to gain entry to the United States." The resolution also noted the "constant attack" on the U. S. immigration policy and the "attempts to liberalize the security provisions of immigration laws."

Expressing its "deepest appreciation" for the committee's work, the NAE commission pledged its "support for the committee in every attempt to assure that our borders will not be open to agents and advocates of international communism."

## MISSIONS

### Mobile Hospital Gift Serves American Indians

LOS ANGELES—Upon the sixth anniversary of the American Indian Liberation Crusade, which has its headquarters here, a complete mobile hospital was provided for this ministry of missionary and relief work among the American Indians. Dr. Linus H. Bittner of Glendale, Calif., a former medical missionary to Indo-China and with the Navy Medical Corps in Okinawa during World War II, was the donor.

**Dr. Bittner presents keys of mobile hospital to Dr. Henry E. Hedrick, director of the American Indian Liberation Crusade. Mr. Frank Frazier, a Choctaw Indian, watches proceedings with interest.**

The mobile hospital is complete with surgery, X-ray, pharmacy, laboratory, dark room, examination room, power plant and instruments both dental and surgical. Dr. Bob Pierce of World Vision, Inc., was responsible for the gift of the ambulance to accompany the hospital. The units, which are under direction of Dr. Warren Campbell, make possible medical care to two hundred or more Navajo families. Additional medical supplies to keep the units going are needed, according to Dr. Henry E. Hedrick, president of the Crusade.

### Missions Leader Urges Evangelical Work in Spain

BOSTON—(RNS)—The Protestant Reformation gospel "is needed in Spain today more than ever before," a retired missions leader said here following a tour of Evangelical churches in that country.

Dr. Fred Field Goodsell, former executive vice-president of the Congregational Christian Churches' American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, addressed a meeting of the Board's prudential committee.

"The Roman Catholic Church has to a very great extent lost its ability to meet basic human need for spiritual transformation and guidance," Dr. Goodsell declared. He added that the "ultimate justification" for Evangelical work in Spain today is that "neither the Roman Church nor the Spanish people generally makes New Testament standards of conduct the rule of their lives."

Dr. Goodsell told the board the Reformation is not simply an historic fact but a "prophetic insight and spirit, eternally valid and sorely needed in Spain."

Churches visited by Dr. Goodsell in Spain grew out of the efforts of the American Board between 1872 and 1933. His tour included Barcelona, Zaragoza, Palma, Madrid, Seville, Cordova and Granada.

### Over Million Dollars Saved by Evangelicals

NEW YORK CITY—The Evangelical Foreign Missions Association's Purchasing Office here reports that the sum of $1,250,000 has been saved in the past ten years by evangelical missionaries, ministers and full time Christian workers who have used this agency in the purchase of equipment and furnishings. This work is under sponsorship of the EFMA office in Washington, D. C., which is an arm of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The EFMA Purchasing Office buys an average of a half million dollars worth of equipment each year—all at wholesale prices. The savings are passed on directly to the evangelical pastors and missionaries who use the service. The office is subsidized for the benefit of evangelical missionaries, Christian workers, churches and church organizations.

The pastor wants a new car. It will pay him to contact the EFMA purchasing office and get their price. He will dispose of his own car and buy direct through them. They can arrange local delivery or delivery at the factory for almost any car of his choice. The church or an evangelistic team needs musical instruments—an accordion or a trumpet for its orchestra—or perhaps some dictating equipment, a projector and screen, or a duplicating machine. Perhaps they are planning to send their missionary an electric generator or their missionary needs a folding organ. Or the church needs an electric organ. Perhaps their missionary needs a tape recorder or a typewriter or the church needs one. The office buys everything from refrigerators and other electrical appliances to watches, cameras or a thousand tons of steel for a mission school. The location of the purchasing office is not an inconvenience because in almost every case the item is shipped directly from the factory to the purchaser thus saving costs on distribution and freight.

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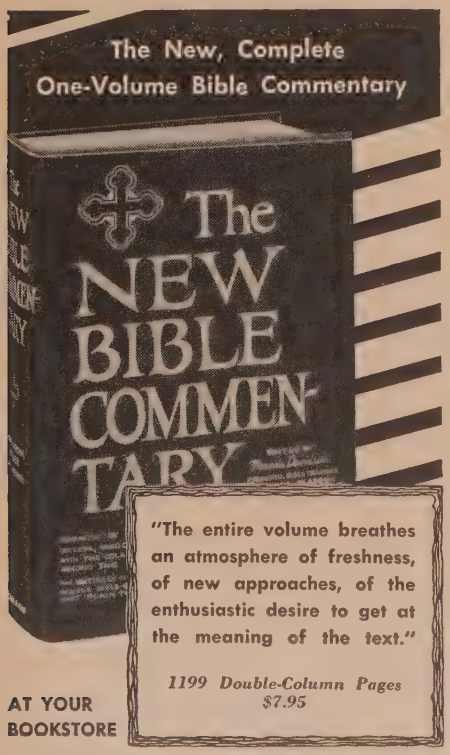


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QUITO, Ecuador—Betty Elliot and her three-year-old daughter Valerie, American linguist Rachel Saint, and three Auca women including Dayuma have returned to the Ecuadorian Auca headhunter tribe that murdered Betty's husband, James Elliot, Rachel's brother, Nate Saint, and three other missionaries in January 1956. They have been living in the Auca Indian village in the jungles near Quito. Thus the prediction has been fulfilled which was made by Miss Saint on a Ralph Edwards "This Is Your Life" TV program that they would take the Gospel to the fierce Aucas.

### Gregory President Of Rescue Missions

LEBANON, Pa.—Rev. Clifton E. Gregory, superintendent of the City Mission, Cleveland, O., was elected president of the International Union of Gospel Missions at its 45th annual convention here.

The union conducts more than 250 "rescue" missions in this country, Great Britain, Japan, New Zealand, Australia and Jamaica.

Other officers named include Francis V. Crumley, superintendent of the Sunday Breakfast Association, Philadelphia, first vice-president; Clarence E. Chamberlain, superintendent of the City Mission, Erie, Pa., treasurer; and Leona C. Hunt, superintendent of the Wheeler City Rescue Mission, Indianapolis, Ind., secretary.

Some 225 delegates at the meeting heard discussions of Sunday schools, organization of women's auxiliaries, women's shelters and industrial work.

### New Mission Film Released by LAM

BOGOTA, N. J.—"Colombia Conflict," latest film release of the Latin America Mission, is now available for presentation in churches, schools and missionary conferences.

Re-enacted by a humble country girl in civil war-torn Colombia, the film portrays the heartaches, tensions and dangers which have thwarted the Gospel there. The story of Olinda, who sought and found the Saviour even in the "forbidden territory" where preaching of the Gospel was not allowed, gives a prevue of increased evangelistic activity in her strife-torn country.

Information about scheduling the film may be secured from Latin America Mission, 285 Orchard Terrace, Bogota, N. J.

### Judd Asks Expansion Of Mission Programs

NORDWIJK, The Netherlands — (RNS)—Rep. Walter H. Judd (R.-Minn.) called here for the expansion of mission programs because they "minister to human beings for no other reason than human sympathy." He told delegates to the International Council for Christian Leadership, of which he is vice-president, that "our greatest need is to recapture a faith in our own Christian faith at least equal to the faith the Communists have in theirs."

The former medical missionary to China said that "the way to change Communism is to change Communists —that is, to change men, and that is the business of the Christian religion." He urged western nations to continue to oppose the admission of Communist China to the United Nations. Seating of Red China in the UN would be "a smashing diplomatic victory for the oppressors," he said.

Queen Juliana of The Netherlands opened the conference, at which her husband, Prince Bernhard, presided. Dr. Judd was an official U. S. Delegate to the Atoms for Peace Conference at Geneva.

The ICCL conducts prayer breakfast and luncheon groups for Christian businessmen and government leaders throughout the world. Its American branch is called the International Christian Leadership, with headquarters at Washington, D. C.

## Education

### Culter Academy Students Beat the Christmas Rush

LOS ANGELES—A new twist to "do your Christmas shopping early" is "send your Christmas barrels to Korean orphans early." At least, this is the thinking of Mabel Culter, founder of the Christian Day School, Culter Academy of 231 So. Westmoreland Ave., Los Angeles, and of two orphanages in Pusan, Korea.

A shipment of Christmas barrels filled with brand new clothing for the 176 children in the baby and school age orphanages, donated by students of Culter Academy and other donors, was sent to Korea.

Miss Culter also revealed that a third orphanage, in the form of a ranch designed to take boys off the streets of Pusan, is under construction. The orphans are taught to become Christians in this orphanage program, she said.

### Wheaton College Holds Fifth Philosophy Meet

WHEATON, Ill. — Stressing "Contemporary Interpretations of Man" as its theme, the Bible and philosophy department of Wheaton college was host to the fifth annual philosophy conference November 14 and 15. Dr. Arthur T. Holmes and Kenneth Kennard, department professors, were in charge of the program and arrangements respectively. Dr. Kenneth S. Kantzer heads the division of Bible education and apologetics.

Lectures for the layman and seminars of a more technical nature ran concurrently throughout the first day. The "Teaching of Philosophy," was the topic for discussion on the second day. Guest speakers, seminar leaders and critics included Dr. William Young, recently returned from post-graduate work at Oxford university, and pastor of a Toronto Presbyterian church. Dr. C. Jaarsma, professor of education at Calvin college, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dr. J. O. Buswell, Jr., former president of Wheaton college, Dr. C. Bass, professor of systematic theology at Bethel seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, and now dean of the graduate faculty at Covenant college, St. Louis; Dr. Harold Kuhn, professor of philosophy

on religion at Asbury (Kentucky) seminary; Dr. A. Killen of Covenant college; Dr. Dirk Jellema, of the department of humanities and social studies at Case Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh; and Dr. A. Plantinga, managing editor of *The Review of Methaphysics* and professor of philosophy at Wayne university, Detroit.

Banquet speaker was Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton college. His topic was, "The Challenge of Marxism to Christian Thought."

### Ministers Conference Scheduled at Asbury

WILMORE, Ky.—The fifteenth Annual Ministers Conference will convene on the campus of Asbury Theological Seminary January 27-29, 1959. Principal speakers will be Bishop Paul N. Garber, resident bishop of The Methodist Church, Richmond Area, Richmond, Va.; Dr. Harold John Ockenga, pastor of Park Street Church, Boston, Mass.; and Dr. Eugene L. Smith, General Secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. Other outstanding speakers will also appear on the program.

In keeping with its historic policy, Asbury Theological Seminary is endeavoring to make a positive spiritual contribution to the Church by means of an Annual Ministers Conference. The underlying objective is best formulated in the statement of purpose: "To emphasize the content of the Christian message and the deepening of the spiritual life. To face fearlessly the religious and theological problems of our day."

### Baylor Offering Literacy Course

WACO, Tex.—Baylor University is now offering three semester hours of university credit for a correspondence course in Basic Literacy, which is the study of successful literacy materials, particularly those of Dr. Frank C. Laubach, the international literacy specialist. Up to twelve months time is allowed for completing the course, which includes studies in how to teach the Laubach literacy materials in English and Spanish, how to prepare new literacy materials, how to conduct local literacy programs with civic groups, churches, or by TV, how to use literacy materials for remedial reading classes, for retarded children, or for the foreign born. Complete information may be obtained from: The Director, The Literacy Center, Baylor University, Waco, Texas or Dr. Monroe S. Carroll, The Correspondence Division, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

### Bryan University Becomes College

DAYTON, Tenn.—At their fall meeting the Board of Trustees voted to change the corporate name of the William Jennings Bryan University to William Jennings Bryan College. The change will become legally effective as soon as approval to amend the college charter is granted by the office of the Secretary of State in Nashville.

Bryan, which opened its doors in 1930, is in its twenty-eighth year of operation. The fall enrollment of 251 represents an increase over last fall. Last spring Bryan was approved as an institution for teacher education by the Tennessee State Board of Education. Preliminary application has been made for admission to the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

### Graham and Stassen At Stetson Convocation

DELAND, Fla.—(BP)—Two internationally-known speakers were present in mid-November for the diamond jubilee convocation of Stetson University the oldest university in Florida. Billy Graham spoke there following his evangelistic crusade in Charlotte, N. C., and Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, former president of the University of Pennsylvania, and former assistant to the President of the United States, gave the diamond jubilee convocation address.

### Carillon Donated To Houghton College

HOUGHTON, N. Y.—A memorial gift of a twenty-five-note "Coronation" carillon, to be included in the new chapel-auditorium equipment, was presented to Houghton College by Dr. George W. Gibbins a Houghton alumnus. After the dedication ceremonies Dr. Charles Finney gave a carillon recital.

Construction of the walls and roof of the new wing of East Hall girls' dormitory at Houghton is nearing completion.

## Radio-TV

### Revivaltime Observes Its Fifth Anniversary

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Revivaltime, the Assemblies of God official radio voice, will observe its fifth anniversary on the ABC network with a special broadcast Sunday evening, December 14.

Rev. C. M. Ward, Revivaltime speaker, is expected to acknowledge messages from various denominational leaders during the fifth anniversary broadcast. The program is currently carried on 328 stations, including 26 foreign outlets.

With a listening public of an estimated 12,000,000, Revivaltime is heard on every continent. Plans are to expand the listening public by more than three million in 1959, officials of the denomination have announced.

Using as a slogan, "49 in '59," the Assemblies of God Radio Department will attempt to add 49 new outlets to the Revivaltime log. This includes a goal of one for each of the denomination's 44 districts and five for foreign countries.

Serving as executive director of the radio department is Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God. Rev. D. V. Hurst is national secretary of the department.

### "Voice of Europe" Is Making Progress

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich — WRMF, INC., announces further steps in the Radio Europe Project. An office has now been opened here and a name proposed for the station: "The Voice of Europe."


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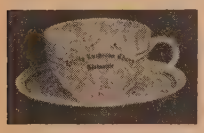

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Mr. Harold Van Broekhoven, who has been directing the project from its inception more than two years ago, and Mr. C. William Caldwell of Tenn., are spending twelve weeks in Europe continuing the preliminary survey and ground work.

### Lutheran Hour Expands In Its Twenty-fifth Year

ST.LOUIS, Mo.—(RNS)—Five new languages and eleven new lands have been added to the schedule of the Lutheran Hour gospel broadcast during its twenty-fifth year which has just ended.

This brings to fifty-nine the number of languages used on the program and to sixty-eight the number of countries from which stations beam the global broadcast, according to Paul Friedrich, executive director of the Lutheran Hour.

The new languages are: Arusha-Masai, Chagga, Efik, Ibo, and Swahili. The new lands are Aruba, Belgian Congo, Cameroons, Gibraltar, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tahiti, Tarawa, Thailand, and Togoland.

Mr. Friedrich reported that 1,314 Lutheran Hour broadcasts are now made regularly from 1,044 stations around the world at a cost of $1,545,000 annually.

Speaker on the English versions of the program is Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann of New York, public relations director of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, with which the League is affiliated.

## ASSEMBLIES

### Christian Churches Plan 1959 Convention

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—"The Unchanging Plea" has been selected as the theme of the North American Christian Convention to be held June 24-28, 1959 in the 5,000-seat, air-conditioned Municipal Auditorium in Atlanta, Ga.

Plans for the convention were formulated by the Continuation Committee which met here recently. Robert O. Weaver, minister of the Christian Church at East Point, Ga., is chairman of local arrangements. James Redmon, of East Point, is registration chairman; Harry Poll will serve as editor of *The North American,* and L. Palmer Young will handle publicity. The executive committee of the convention is headed by Olin W. Hay, president.

## EVANGELISM

### Graham Charlotte Crusade Labeled As "Phenomenal"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The reception given Billy Graham and his message to his hometown of Charlotte was considered nothing short of phenomenal. Several nights 3,000 or more people were turned away, even though an adjacent auditorium was filled with 2,500 persons viewing the service by closed circuit television.

The Youth Nights proved to be the most fruitful of the Crusade, with persons under twenty-five making up more than half the audience. In one such service over 1,000 responded to the call to accept Christ, and more than 4,000 decisions were made in five special youth services.

The Crusade in Dr. Graham's hometown was shared with the nation over more than 180 TV stations, and more than 10,000 letters were received the first week telling of hundreds of people who had accepted Christ after viewing the telecast.

Following the Crusade in Charlotte the Graham team visited several major cities of the Carolinas for one-night evangelistic rallies.

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twelve-week crusade in Chicago "probably" in 1961 or 1962.

### Graham Australian Itinerary Released by Crusade Office

MELBOURNE, Australia—The Billy Graham Crusade headquarters in Melbourne and Sydney has announced rather complete plans for the visit of the American Evangelist to Australia early in 1959. Dr. Graham was invited to Australia by committees of churchmen in Victoria and New South Wales, and subsequent invitations have come from representative committees in other capital cities. Members of the Billy Graham Team are already resident in both Melbourne and Sydney, working with local committees in the preparatory steps for the crusades. The Melbourne announcement was the first definite statement concerning the dates for the forthcoming crusades.

Melbourne will be the site of the first crusade, during the period beginning Sunday, February 8, and continuing for five weeks to Sunday, May 15. The West Melbourne Stadium will be the site for the meetings.

A visit to New Zealand will follow, with preliminary crusades conducted in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch by Dr. Graham's Associate Evangelists, Rev. Grady Wilson, Rev. Leighton Ford and Rev. Joseph Blinco during the week beginning March 29. Dr. Graham will speak at the two concluding services in each city; in Auckland on April 3, 4; in Wellington April 5, 6 and in Christchurch April 7, 8.

The Crusade in Sydney will begin on Sunday April 12, continuing for five weeks to Sunday May 17. The meetings will be held at the Sydney Show Grounds. In Brisbane, Associate Evangelist Leighton Ford will commence a two week crusade on Sunday May 17, with Dr. Graham speaking at the three concluding services on May 29, 30 and 31. In Adelaide, Associate Evangelist Joseph Blinco will commence a two week crusade on Thursday May 21, with Dr. Graham speaking at the three concluding services on June 2, 3, and 4. The concluding meetings in Australia will be begun in Perth by Associate Evangelist Grady Wilson on Sunday May 31, with Dr. Graham speaking at the two concluding services on June 6 and 7.

Still in the discussion stage, but not yet confirmed, are plans for a visit to Tasmania and Canberra.

## chaplaincy

### Chaplaincy Commission Prepares for Mobilization

WASHINGTON—A number of conclusions were reached at the recent meeting of the NAE Commission on Chaplains in the Chaplains Commission office here at 1405 G Street, N. W. One of the most important of these was the decision of the Commission to encourage the development of a reservoir of spiritual preparedness to be available in the case of heavy mobilization. It was thought that this purpose might be accomplished by encouraging participation in the reserve chaplain's program, in seminary work, in national guard chaplaincy and in the civil air patrol chaplaincy. Anticipated results of this move would be maintenance of a list of qualified evangelical chaplains ready to minister to the boys in service in event of a national emergency.

Various phases of the chaplaincy program received attention at the meeting. Plans for having a series of rallies were discussed—the proposed rallies to be conducted in Topeka, Kans.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Peoria, Ill., and Elkhart, Ind. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive treasurer of the Chaplaincy Commission, agreed to invite Chaplain Charles I. Carpenter to participate in one or more of the rallies. There was discussion, too, of the possibility of setting up other rallies on the West Coast preceding and following the NAE Convention in Los Angeles next April. Dr. George L. Ford (who included the Chaplaincy Commission meeting in an Eastern tour) reported that industrial plants where chaplains are retained find greater efficiency among their employees. He recommended that the Commission on Chaplains be expanded to include industrial chaplains.

Proceeding from the Chaplains meeting, Dr. Ford spoke to the Evangelical Ministers' Association of the Norfolk-Portsmouth area, addressed the General Conference of the Evangelical Congregational Church at Reading, Pa., spoke at services in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the Board Meeting of NAE's Eastern Region in Williamsport, Pa.

## denominations

### Merger Completed In Historic Session

WINONA LAKE, Ind.—At an historic session of the Board of Administration of the Free Methodist Church, held at denominational headquarters in Winona Lake, Ind., the Board voted unanimously to approve the union of the Holiness Movement Church in Canada with the Free Methodist Church. Similar action had already been taken by the Holiness Movement Church, and the joint negotiating committee had completed major arrangements at a conference in Kingston, Ontario.

A four-member delegation from the Holiness Movement Church attended this session of the Board as associate members, and sat with the various Commissions.

The union is now complete except for the working out of certain legal technicalities and integration procedures.

### Nazarenes Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—On the historic site at Pilot Point, Tex., where the Church of the Nazarene was started in 1908, a monument was unveiled recently to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the event.

Delivering the anniversary message, D. Hardy C. Powers, senior general superintendent, cited four "mountain peaks" by which the founding fathers steered their course: "Authority of the Bible, adequacy of the atonement, reality of Christian experience, and urgency of Christian service." "These same landmarks" he said, "must guide our steps in the future if we are to survive."

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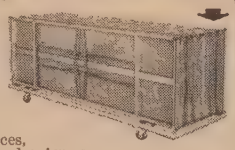

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### Evangelical Free Church To Join World Federation

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—A recommendation that the Evangelical Free Church of America become an active member of the International Federation of Free Evangelical Churches will be made by the denomination's president to the seventy-fifth annual conference next June at Denver, Colo.

Dr. Arnold T. Olson of Minneapolis attended the Federation sessions in Jonkoping, Sweden, as an observer. He said on his return,

"I was tremendously impressed by the virility of the Free Church movement in the fourteen countries which are members of the Federation. It will be a great privilege on my part to report to the seventy-fifth conference of the EFCA next June and recommend our becoming an active member."

The Federation, formed in 1948 in Switzerland, meets every four years and is made up of Free Church groups in Switzerland, Holland, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, America, Canada, Greece, France, and Belgium.

### Pleads for Adherence To Evangelical Faith

DENVER—Adherence by conservative Protestant churches to the "six cardinal points of evangelical Christianity" was urged at the 15th annual meeting of the Conservative Baptist Association here.

Rev. Charles W. Anderson of Bloomfield, N. J., listed these points as: the Bible as the Word of God; the Virgin Birth of Christ; the deity of Christ; His atoning death; His resurrection; His coming again.

Rev. H. H. Hazzard of Minneapolis said Conservative Baptist churches would need at least 5,000 more teachers and youth workers this year to staff a goal of 408 new churches.

Dr. B. Myron Cedarholm of Chicago said that the association expects to reach its goal of "408 in '58." This is an effort to start 408 new churches from July, 1957 to December 31, 1958.

Some 200 churches have been started thus far in the period, Dr. Cedarholm said, adding that the association, organized eleven years ago, now has 1,200 churches. He said it has been estimated that at least 100,000 new churches will be needed by 1975 to serve the sixty million population increase expected by that time.

### Mennonite Brethren Erect New Building

FRESNO, Calif.—Construction is expected to begin shortly on a classroom building, the first structure on the new campus of Pacific Bible Institute here. It is to contain four classrooms, plus a room specifically designed for classes in Science and four music practice rooms, as well as seven offices and radio control room.

The twenty-acre campus site, donated by the Pacific District Conference of the Mennonite Brethren, is located adjacent to the present site of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary.

## Laymen

### Laymen Help Church In Soul-winning Effort

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A laymen's soul-winning program in Bethany Baptist Church here was the greatest contributor to a thirteen per cent increase in baptisms during the past year, according to Rev. J. T. Elliff, pastor. The men meet for breakfast each Saturday to make reports, take soul-winning assignments, and to pray.

The men adhere to three basic principles: First, they want to help unsaved and unchurched people and are willing to take time each week to do it: second, they do not want publicity, and third they are willing to stick to a quite rigid agenda. They are not "trained" to win souls, but learn by doing.

The plan has proved so successful that Pastor Elliff is now organizing the women and children for a similar program.

### 20 Baptist Laymen To Visit in Alaska

MEMPHIS—(BP)—A team of twenty Southern Baptist Convention laymen will be in Alaska next summer to conduct "denomination week" in Baptist churches there. The laymen will be selected by the Brotherhood Commission of the Convention, at the request of the Convention's Home Mis-


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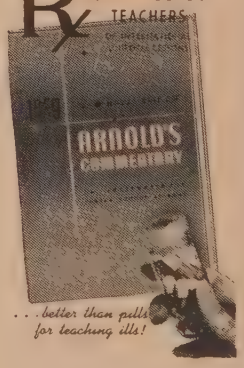


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sion Board which directs Southern Baptist work in Alaska.

Dates for the visit are next July 19-25. The laymen will give emphasis to the broad areas of work supported through the Cooperative Program. They will bring messages and give demonstrations of how laymen can participate in denominational progress through their churches. Members of the team will visit in different churches each night.

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## Disciples of Christ Merge Two Journals

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—At the International Convention of Disciples of Christ held here recently, Dr. John Paul Pack, minister of University Christian Church, Seattle, Wash., was elected president, succeeding Dr. Granville T. Walker, minister of University Christian Church, Forth Worth, Tex. The convention also named three vice-presidents: A. H. Wilson, Beckley, W. Va., Ernest M. Ligon, Troy, N. Y., and Mrs. R. H. Peoples, Indianapolis, Ind.

In a 4,200-word resolution on peace, the International Convention suggested steps for prevention of war and demanded immediate action toward universal disarmment.

Prior to the opening of the convention, the directors of Christian Board of Publication—Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, president—announced the merger of *The Christian Evangelist,* weekly news journal of the International Convention, and *Front Rank,* Sunday School weekly. Editor of the merged weekly will be Dr. Howard E. Short, who recently became editor of *The Christian Evangelist.*

## Christian Vocation Themes Stressed by Youth Journal

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—*Christ's Ambassador Herald,* monthly youth publication of the Assemblies of God, has announced plans for the use of Christian vocation themes in 1959 editions.

Scheduled features for the coming year include an emphasis on Christian men in business in January; Christians in foreign service in February, and other vocational articles. Kicking off the series was a special November issue featuring Christians in politics. Well-known political figures appearing in that issue pointed out political vocations which could be followed without compromise with the church.

Editor Dick Champion said the new emphasis was begun to assist youth in selecting careers in which they can make their Christian influence felt.

# REFORM

## Christmas Seals Stress Temperance

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(RNS)—Ten million Christmas seals bearing the slogan "Christmas for Christ" will be distributed this year by the National Temperance League, in cooperation with the Methodist Board of Temperance, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and other religious agencies.

Design for the 1958 seal will show a book of Christmas carols open to "Silent Night, Holy Night." In the background will be several whiskey bottles and glasses with an "X" drawn across them, indicating rejection of alcoholic beverages as a means of celebrating the Saviour's birth.

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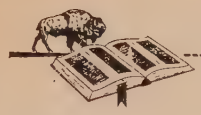

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**Lorne Sanny,** president of The Navigators, is on a tour of Mexico, Guatemala and Costa Rica.

**C. Mervin Russell,** general superintendent of Free Methodist Youth and director of the servicemen's department of the denomination, has been appointed Wing Chaplain of the Civil Air Patrol for the State of Indiana with the rank of Captain.

**George M. Bowman** of Scarborough, Ontario, was elected president of the Christian Writers Association of Canada.

**Lester P. Westlund,** formerly pastor of Salem Evangelical Free Church, Staten Island, N. Y., has succeeded Rev. H. G. Rodine as secretary of foreign missions of the Evangelical Free Church of America.

**Robert C. Kliewer,** graduate of Culter Academy, Los Angeles, and also of Bible Institute of Los Angeles and Talbot Theological Seminary, has returned to Culter as Dean of Boys.

**Charles A. Pitts,** construction engineer and contractor who is presently building the St. Lawrence Seaway, has been named to the Board of Trustees of the Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif. Mr. Pitts, president of C. A. Pitts General Contractor Limited of Toronto, Canada, is also on the Board of Trustees of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and *Christianity Today.*

**J. Roswell Flower,** general secretary, and Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo., are just completing a world tour of the denomination's missionary fields, including Europe, the Middle East and the Far East.

**George N. Anderson,** veteran of a thirty-year ministry to the mission field in Tanganyika, South Africa, died recently of a heart attack.

**Edgar M. Kluge,** for the past years secretary and treasurer of the St. Louis Advertising Firm of Krupnick and Associates, Inc., and a well-known Christian layman, has been appointed to the Board of Governors of Concordia Historical Institute in St. Louis.

**W. J. Anderson,** for a number of years director of the New York Purchasing Office of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, has resigned from that office. He has been succeeded by Allan Small, formerly of Highland Baptist Church, Detroit.

**George Bennard,** author and composer of "The Old Rugged Cross," died recently at the age of eighty-six. It is said that this hymn, among the 300 which he composed, has been translated into every written language.

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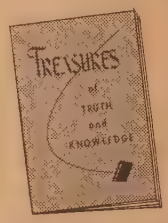


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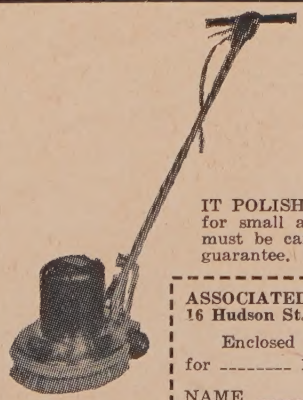

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### *Is it better to grade elementary and high school pupils in Sunday School by age or by grade?*

Most Sunday School authorities, especially in the north, agree that it is preferable to grade by grade from first grade through high school than to grade by age.

There are a number of reasons for this. First of all a boy and girl in any grade, say fifth, is more a fifth grader than he is ten years old even though most fifth graders are ten.

On the other hand some ten year olds are in the fourth grade and some ten year olds are in the 6th grade so that if age is the basis of grading you will have some 4th graders, some 5th graders, and some 6th graders in the same class. Because of their academic experience there is a great difference between 4th graders and 6th graders in reading ability, geographical and historical background as well as general comprehension. This makes for problems for the teacher.

In the smaller Sunday School some classes may have 3 grades in one class. The basis of school grades for grading is even still more important because otherwise if you have 3 ages such as nine, ten, and eleven year olds together you could easily have a school range of 5 grades, making teaching even more difficult.

Another reason for grading by grades is that pupils find it easier to contact and bring to Sunday School those in their own rooms. However, whatever you do through the elementary grades do not mix the system of grading. Grade by grade or by age and stick to it.

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